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## TOP 40 HIGHLIGHTS

### MAINSTREAM

#1

#### EVERYTHING BUT THE GIRL

*Missing* (ATLANTIC)

### AIRPOWER

ALANIS MORISSETTE • *Ironic* (MAVERICK/REPRISE)  
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SMASHING PUMPKINS • *1979* (VIRGIN)

### NEW RELEASES

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TRACY CHAPMAN • *Give Me One Reason* (ELEKTRA/EEG)  
DEL AMITRI • *Tell Her This* (A&M)  
WHITNEY HOUSTON & CE CE WINANS • *Count On Me* (ARISTA)

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#1

#### BRANDY

*Sittin' Up In My Room* (ARISTA)

### AIRPOWER

NO RECORDS QUALIFIED FOR AIRPOWER THIS WEEK

### NEW RELEASES

BUSTA RHYMES • *Woo-Hah!! Got You All In Check* (FLIPCODE/ELEKTRA/EEG)

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#1

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*One Sweet Day* (COLUMBIA)

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### NEW RELEASES

WHITNEY HOUSTON & CE CE WINANS • *Count On Me* (ARISTA)

## As PDs Go Into Hiding, Are MDs Making More Real Decisions?

by Kevin Carter

"Hi, this is [insert PD name here]. If this is a music call, please leave your priorities at the tone or E-mail me. Or press zero and ask to speak to [insert MD name here] and he/she will get back to you."

Don't laugh. That message is being heard somewhere as we speak as another lucky promotion rep is beamed into voice-mail hell. In today's duopolized radio, programmers are often operating more than one station, making them increasingly inaccessible to the record community.

In many markets, those duties are being absorbed to a large degree by the MD, but are many of those MDs just running interference for the PD or do they really have the added juice to get records on the radio? And how are labels coping with technology that is designed specifically to take what they've seen as the lifeblood of promotion—human contact—out of the equation?

"The more hi-tech we've become, the more low-touch we are," says Columbia Records VP of AC promotion Jerry Lembo, who agrees that with the advent of voice mail and E-mail, much of the spontaneity of promotion has been diminished, along with the lost

art of conversation. By leaving messages, he says, most of the impact of timely news is lessened by leaving it in storage.

"Any enthusiasm I have about information or events just becomes diluted," Lembo says. "It's like a joke that passes through a dozen people and you end up losing the punch line. I can't put my finger on the pulse of a market if I'm talking to a recording."

Lembo agrees that because of everyone's added responsibilities, attention spans have grown increasingly short. "Ironically, radio's job is to get their listeners to increase their time spent listening, but many PDs now spend less time listening to new music."

### PDs OF FUTURE OR FLAK CATCHERS?

Are today's MDs getting added respect with their added responsibilities? Lembo thinks so. "MDs today are in the prime position to become the key PDs of tomorrow," he says. "The MD remains the last musical link between records and radio. Unfortunately, many PDs are now preoccupied with their GM, sales manager, and their consultant. There are some great MDs out there on the cal-

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### BREAKING AT:

KROQ	WRCX
Z100	WKXJ
WMMS	WKSS
XHRM	WRFY
Q99	KZIO
WGTZ	WERZ
WKDD	KHTY
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## Every Day Is Like Sundae



WMMS Cleveland morning guys Joe Cronauer and Brian Fowler celebrate Valentine's Day by being dipped in a vat of chocolate outside Malley's Chocolate Factory. The pair are seen here being covered with Reddi-Whip and chocolate syrup by listeners.



## TOP 40 TOPICS BY SEAN ROSS

### 'WKRP In Cincinnati' In The Age Of Megapoly

**I**magine, if you will, that "WKRP In Cincinnati" is taking place now. It's now owned by Jacor. So is everything else in Cincinnati. And who better to own a sitcom?

Art Carlson left for a brokerage job years ago. Herb Tarlek is now president of the recently formed Greater Cincinnati River City MediaWorks Radio Group Partnership.

Andy Travis is still there. He's VP/programming of WKRP and its four AM duopoly partners. In an effort to show that he has matured into product manager status, he goes clothes shopping with Herb.

Dr. Johnny Fever is regionally syndicated, although his affiliates often complain about the lack of a suitable guest host during his multiple stints in rehab and open-heart surgeries.

Venus Flytrap left during the early '80s, when minority broadcasters stopped working general-market radio with any regularity. The R&B station to which he was exiled at the time has just been bought by its format rival and switched to the satellite Touch format.

Les Nessman is long gone, too, following the elimination of news in morning drive. In keeping with the Jacor spirit, however, all references to things swine-related will stay. The turkey drop has become an annual event, too.

Jennifer has been replaced by voice mail.

Only one aspect of WKRP hasn't changed. It still has only two jocks, and now nobody condemns that as the only detail of the show that doesn't ring true.

Radio in the '90s. Oh, the humanity.

**GETTIN' IT:** With the boatload of station sales that have taken place over the past few weeks, you may have come to realize that many group owners are divided into two categories now: Those who get top 40 and those who don't.

Jacor gets top 40. The rebuilding of WFLZ Tampa, Fla., over the last year proves it. Having the Noble and Citicasters stations in its camp is

encouraging, especially since many of the top 40 stations in both camps, particularly Citicasters' WKRC (Q102) Cincinnati and KKRZ (Z100) Portland, Ore., are recently recovered from bouts with "25-54 disease."

I hope SFX gets top 40. Folks close to the company tell me that it's not particularly comfortable with it. And having the entire Prism chain—a group founded on not being afraid of top 40—suddenly folded into a group that chose to launch the third country station in Greensboro, N.C., earlier this year; rather than fill the top 40 hole, is disconcerting. And the recent conversion of WYHY (Y107) Nashville to WRVW (The River) doesn't bode well either. SFX does very good top 40s, by the way. The problem is that it chooses to do them with country music.

I hope Heritage gets top 40, since it's buying WWST Knoxville, Tenn.—a station that is just fighting its way into legitimacy in a market where top 40 has had a lot of problems—and the PD and OM are leaving for Jacor.

Against this backdrop, top 40 PDs and GMs have a bigger job than ever. They're trying to sell new owners on the value of their format, especially if the new owners have never dealt with top 40 before. And they're trying to do so in an environment in which everybody will have to bill a zillion dollars annually to break even.

**FANTASY FORMATS:** It wasn't other radio people who have responded, thus far, to the Feb. 2 column about kids who did their own playlists. It was record people. Warner Bros.' Barney Kilpatrick did fantasy charts growing up in New Orleans. Columbia's Lisa Wolfe and Epic's Rich Appel were home chart folks, too. Curiously, both Rich and Barney averaged the various stations in their market, making their charts the predecessor of Monitor's The Big Picture. And the good thing about doing fantasy stations these days is that most groups in acquisition mode are willing to buy anything. So, even an imaginary station probably goes for 15 times cash flow, right?

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## RADIO ACTIVE BY KEVIN CARTER

### Y107 Goes Up The River; 102 Jamz To 'XL'

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fter 11 years as top 40, WYHY (Y107) Nashville becomes top 40/adult WRVW (The River). While the station is still billing itself as top 40 "with a decidedly mainstream pop appeal," Top 40 Airplay Monitor heard the station using some particularly adult positioning, including, "No rap, no hard rock, and no outrageous DJs," "Continuous hit music, without the continual hype," and "No-repeat workdays."

Here's the new lineup: Morning team **Danny Wright** and **Brian Shook** exit, replaced by **Mary Glen Lassiter** from crosstown WGFX; WCVQ (Q108) Clarksville, Tenn., morning host **Van Patrick** joins as morning sidekick. Producer **Blair Saldana** follows Lassiter and will become an integral part of the morning show. Production director **Ric Marino** from country sister WSIX is new to middays. APD/middays **Tom Peace** moves to afternoons. **Jim MacDonald** from WGGZ Baton Rouge, La., is now MD/nights. Spyderman remains in overnights as late-nighter **Jess Kendall** exits. Night jock **Boomer** exits for nights at WKHQ (Q104) St. Louis.

Here's a sample of the station around 9 p.m. Feb. 16: **Gin Blossoms**, "Allison Road"; **John Mellencamp**, "Wild Nights"; **Seal**, "Don't Cry"; **Rembrandts**, "I'll Be There For You"; **Blessid Union Of Souls**, "Let Me Be The One"; **Hootie & The Blowfish**, "Time"; **"The Most Beautiful Girl In The World"**; **Selena**, "I Could Fall In Love"; **Tom Petty**, "You Don't Know How It Feels"; **Sophie B. Hawkins**, "Only Love"; **Mariah Carey**, "One Sweet Day"; **Roxette**, "It Must Have Been Love"; **Prince**, "Little Red Corvette."

**SALES: WXXL NOW AN 'XL FOR REAL'** OmniAmerica is picking up R&B **WJHM** (102 Jamz) Orlando, Fla., in a three-way \$78 million deal that has country **WKIS** Miami (and its AM) going from Sunshine Wireless to Omni to WJHM's owner, Beasley, thus allowing Beasley to double-up at **WPOW** (Power 96) Miami. In other sales, Osborn picks up its fourth Wheeling, W.Va., station, AC **WKWK**, giving the group a combined 52 share in that market.

**ILL SAVE THE 9TH LIFE AT 432-9595**

In at least the third instance of a DJ talking a listener out of committing suicide in the past four weeks, The Washington Post reports WPGC-FM Washington, D.C.'s **Christina Kelley** got a call Feb. 17 from a 25-year-old woman who was trying to overdose on pills because of a "misunderstanding" with her boyfriend. Kelley kept the caller on the phone until she could get the address and send an ambulance.

#### PROGRAMMING: ACTION PAXTON

Several weeks ago, we tipped you that **KHMX** (Mix 96.5) Houston PD **Pat Paxton** would get group stripes of some sort. Paxton (and country counterpart **Bob Moody**) will be known as group programming advisers, in an effort to emphasize the autonomy of local PDs at Nationwide.

Changes at **WFMF** Baton Rouge, La.: GM **George Jenne** reportedly exits, as does consultant **Jim Sumpter**. Country **WYNK** GM **Manuel Broussard** is overseeing WMFE.

At **KQKS** (KS104) Denver and its duopoly partners **KYBG/KNRX**, VP/GM **Ron Jamison** exits. Jamison will remain with parent company Century Broadcasting, which is selling KYBG/KNRX and ending its LMA with KS104 March 31. GSM **Fritz Stahmer** is handling GM duties for all three stations. Also, KS104 midday jock **P.J. Cruse** exits to move to L.A. Overnighter **George Martinez** is handling those duties.

Answering the rumors published elsewhere about possible changes at **KLRZ** New Orleans, GM **Dan Hoffman** claims the station is not changing format or automating (except for live assist overnights). In a cost-cutting move, KLRZ

has moved its offices 55 miles back to Larose, La.

Acting PD/p.m. driver **Trent Waters** is now officially PD at **WKXJ** Chattanooga, Tenn., replacing **Art Sanders**. Waters, a five-year station veteran, will only be there for another six months or so, since he's leaving for medical school in the fall.

From the "ain't megapoly grand" department: Former **WHTO** Williamsport, Pa., PD **Woody McKenzie** resurfaces in mornings at crosstown WPGY as that station flips from country to satellite AC. Sabre Communications, owner of WHTO and rock **WZXW**, already had a JSA with WPGY. Now, it has added a JSA with country **WILQ** and moved WPGY's PD, **Todd Stewart**, there. Sabre now has four FMs in Williamsport. McKenzie is—indirectly—working for the folks who let him go several months ago.

**Phil Britain** is the new PD/p.m. driver at top 40/adult **WNSN** (Sunny 101.5) South Bend, Ind., replacing **Rob Poulin**. Britain was previously PD at crosstown country/oldies combo **WBZY/WRBR**. In other AC news, **WLIT** Chicago taps former **WGCI-FM** Chicago acting MD **Derrick Brown** as programming coordinator.

#### PEOPLE: ENTIRE 'KTU STAFF (OF '78)

With all the publicity about the new **WKTU** New York, The New York Daily News looked into the whereabouts of the original WKTU air staff, circa 1978. **Al Bandiero** does nights on crosstown **WPLJ**. **Johnny Allen** does overnights on **WRKS**. **Paco** just moved from Spanish **WSKQ-FM** New York to new sister station **WPAT-FM**. **Carlos DeJesus** is spinning at local clubs. **Keith Alexander** and **Rosko** are doing voice-overs. **Freddie Colon** is part of **WBLS** morning team, via Metro Traffic. **Joe Causi** works for IBM. **Diane Pryor** lives with her family on Long Island, N.Y., the News reports.

Meanwhile, with **Jojo Morales** already in place at the new WKTU (as originally tipped here), another former jock from rival **WHTZ** (Z100), **Human Numan**, is currently running the board at the jockless (so far) station.

We're sorry to report the death of mid-'70s **WHYI** (Y100) Miami GM **Bill Cunningham** in a car crash Feb. 7 in Indianapolis. Cunningham, who last managed **WSYW** Indianapolis, was 55.

After 43 years, **WJET** (Jet 102) Erie, Pa., morning institution **Frank Martin** transfers to oldies sister **WFGO** (Froggy 94), teaming with **Gary London**. **Craig Warvel** and **Deb Ireland** will continue to power the Jet morning show.

**KJMJ** (94.1 Jamz) Las Vegas is doing the air-shift shuffle, as **Jeff Garcia** from **KGGI** San Bernardino, Calif., is in for nights, **Kid Steven** moves to afternoons, and **M.C. Scrappy** segues to mornings, replacing **Chase**, who exits.

**AC WEBR** Washington, D.C., morning co-host **David Byrd** exits. PD **Jeff Silvers** teams with remaining partner **Beverly Fox** for now.

**Shawn "Hollywood" Scott** exits MD/afternoons at **WFLY** Albany, N.Y.; call 518-393-9431. Night jock **Ellen Rockwell** moves to afternoons.

**KHTS** (All Hit 98.9) Davenport, Iowa, taps the syndicated **Bob** and **Tom** for mornings. **David Riley** goes to afternoons.

Top 40/adult **KHMX** (Mix 96.5) Houston hires former **KRBE** Houston midday jock **Lori Bradley** for nights, replacing **Cheryl Vaughn**.

**KSFM** Sacramento, Calif., inks **Naughty Boy** from **WWKX** Providence, R.I., for nights, as **Davey D.**, moves to mornings . . . **KBOS** (B95) Fresno, Calif., morning team **Rik McNeil** and **Lorraine Love** goes to crosstown AC **KTHT** for mornings.

**WZNY** Augusta, Ga., shuffles midday jock **Mike Dineen** to overnights. P.M. driver **Rob Collins** segues to middays, as overnighter **Ron Roberts** moves up to afternoons.

Congrats to **WSTR** (Star 94) Atlanta PD **Kevin Peterson** and wife, **Lisa**, on the birth of their first child, **Joshua Rodney**, Feb. 15.

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iber of [WPLJ New York's] Mike Preston, [WMXV New York's] Linda Silver, and [KYSR Los Angeles'] Angela Perelli. They are certainly not buffers. They possess true programming skills and are a big part of the decision-making process."

Mercury promo VP Steve Ellis uses his extensive radio background to rise above the voice-mail pack. "If I'm going to be on someone's voice mail, it might as well be entertaining," he says. Ellis has a cart machine wired to his phone, which he uses to showcase his collection of more than 300 drops and sound effects, including David Letterman bits, the "Jeopardy" theme (for sitting on hold), and the all-purpose Marlon Brando line from "The Godfather": "What have I done to make you treat me so disrespectfully?" Ellis adds, "In my 15 years in radio I've seen promotion done right and done wrong, but I was always taught you must be unique so your message stands out."

Atlantic senior VP of promotion Danny Buch also loves the concept of creative voice mail. "I'm stuck in meetings a lot, so I like to leave details on voice mail for certain PDs," he says. "I'm not comfortable with the whole concept of E-mail and the general information overload we're faced with today. All this new technology was supposed to make our lives easier, but now we have to spend time sifting through tons of data." Buch prefers the old-school method of promotion: "I keep five phones on my desk and stack 'em up like O'Hare Airport."

The MD thing: "It's a station-by-station situation, but most radio stations have established layers of communication-screening," he says. "It's not [out of] rudeness, it's just that many PDs physically don't have the time anymore." While Buch admits that he attempts to contact anyone at a station involved with the music, "in any sales-type universe, you still get through to the decision maker, and that's the PD."

### FINGER ON THE TRIGGER

Mercury's Ellis notes that while "I have access to most PDs' private lines, which certainly helps me get through," it's not so bad talking to MDs when they actually do the music scheduling in most cases. "The MD can change the dayparting, take off any packeting or other restrictions," Ellis says. "Sometimes if we're within 10 spins of going top five in the Monitor, it's the MD who can give me those extra spins." It doesn't hurt that Ellis was an MD himself for many years. "I always keep the MD in the loop, today more than ever," he says. Like Lombo, Ellis agrees on the ultimate role of the MD: "They are the final human link between the label and the airwaves. Those reps that continue to blow off the MD are totally in the dark."

Another trick of the trade: Have the MD transfer you to the PD directly via the internal lines without the PD's assistant screening the call. "It doesn't always work, but when it does, it's great," Ellis says.

### LEARNING TO LOVE VOICE MAIL

Reprise's VP of promotion Marc Ratner actually enjoys using voice mail. "I use it to pass along some quick info without the burden of them having to call me back," he says. Ratner also finds time spent leaving voice mail is time not wasted on hold. "I try to be understanding that PDs are busier today, so I deal with it by using other methods of communication, like voice mail and fax. I might as well take advantage of the technology available."

Ratner adds that it's hard to be angry when you realize that radio and the record industry have different objectives. "My job has also become more difficult," he says. "Budgets are tighter, everything is more intense . . . it's more like a business than ever before."

While Ratner acknowledges that many PDs are more inaccessible today, he also points out that MD relationships are more important than ever. "Never underestimate the ability of an MD to get the job done. If they are really enthusiastic about your record, they'll make sure it gets in

the PD's face." Label reps who don't deal with the MD are about as effective as the type of radio person who doesn't deal with locals, he says.

### LEARNING TO LOVE E-MAIL

Columbia senior VP Jerry Blair is also enthusiastic about using Internet technology to communicate with wayward PDs. "E-mail is fantastic, and I know many PDs who utilize it," Blair says. "It's an efficient way to get a point across in a succinct fashion, plus it gives you a hard-copy record to refer to." But, echoing other reps, he adds, "E-mail and voice mail will never become a direct substitute for communicating in real time and establishing a live, two-way relationship."

Island senior VP of promotion Joe Riccitelli responds, "A salesperson cannot sell through E-mail. A verbal response is one of the most valuable tools when selling our product to radio. You can't utilize your personality on E-mail."

"I realize many group PDs are now dealing with many more issues than just music," Riccitelli adds. "What used to be a Friday-Monday-Tuesday promotion week has now become Wednesday through Tuesday."

As for the power of MDs, Riccitelli says that it's still often necessary for a national rep to go in behind a local to close an add with a PD. "Unfortunately, many MDs are still functioning basically as screeners, with the PD making the final decision. There are always exceptions, of course," he says, echoing Ellis' comment that ultimately, it's the MD's hands on the computer keyboard.

### THE STATIONS SPEAK

Surprisingly, most of the PDs asked about the increasing inaccessibility of PDs and the changing role of MDs have similar reactions. Top 40/AC PD Don London of WNVZ/WWDE Norfolk, Va., says he attempts to make himself available to labels, but admits it's become less often. Consequently, WNVZ MD Sean Sellers and WWDE MD Jeff Moreau have now assumed more responsibilities. "They each line up the label priorities and adjust the music categories when the call-out data comes in," he says. London says he doesn't have regular label call times, but both MDs do.

"I use my E-mail every day," he says. "I find it faster and easier than having a conversation. I can go through them at my own pace, and I have a record of the message, with all the details." London admits it's harder to keep up relationships in the E-mail era. "We're all busier than we were five years ago, but actual one-on-one relationships are the key to staying employed and successful."

When Casey Keating was programming WHYI (Y100) Miami, he made a concerted effort to remain in the musical loop. "That station was more current-intensive, so I made sure I was available," he says. At his new post at AC KIOI San Francisco, he has been primarily focused on "the stuff between the records," thus making MD Connie Lindell's role pivotal. "Her job is the music, and she accurately understands the goals of the station. Ultimately, I want to be involved," Keating adds, "but Connie's role here is extremely important."

KRQQ Tucson, Ariz., PD Mark Todd is proud to note, "We don't screen phone calls here, and we don't use voice mail or E-mail." In exchange, he says, he asks reps to cut the small talk. "I dread picking up the phone and hearing the voice of a record guy asking how my weekend was. I used to have time to shoot the shit about stuff like the Superbowl," he says. "Unfortunately, I don't have as much time as before."

Although Todd considers himself accessible to the label community, he lets MD Valerie Knight shoulder much of the responsibility. "I know some record folks feel if they're not getting to the PD, they're not really getting to the station; that's not the case here." Knight can effectively distill the label priorities, as well as research, call-out, and requests, says Todd. "I trust her instincts implicitly."

## MONITOR PROFILE

### KDWB Gets More Rhythmic, Loses Its Blues, And Welcomes Kieley Home

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had been circling the Twin Cities my whole life. Sooner or later, I had to land."

So says Dan Kieley, PD of Chancellor's KDWB Minneapolis, who came home last May to succeed Mark Bolke in the highly coveted job. And after two down books, KDWB rebounded 6.4-7.0 12-plus in the fall Arbitron after adapting a more rhythmic lean.

Kieley previously programmed KQKQ (Sweet 98) Omaha, Neb., where he lost track of the ratings after 10 No. 1 books. He also gained valuable experience as the marketing director of WBBM-FM (B96) Chicago, and he also programmed WLUM (Hot 102) Milwaukee, KDWZ Des Moines, Iowa, and KKRC Sioux Falls, S.D., where he spent 10 years.

Like many of his contemporaries, Kieley entered the industry through the back door. During the mid-'70s, he was minding his own business as a sociology major at Hamlin University in his hometown of St. Paul, Minn. "My fraternity brother owned a bar near the old KDWB where I bartended," he



**Dan Kieley**  
Program Director  
KDWB Minneapolis

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been leaning adult, began to take on a more rhythmic feel. "We never want to be more than one record away from our core sound," Kieley says. "When we play TLC, followed by gold from OMD, we make sure we're right back to something like Groove Theory."

Kieley has also found that many former core hit records and/or artists have since fallen out of favor with the ever-changing moods of his core. "Some records have now become so closely identified as AC or triple-A that they're no longer any good for me and will never go to gold." That's where his annual auditorium test comes in handy. "We test 600 records every fall just to find those 120 good ones," he says.

Here is a recent 4 p.m. hour: TLC, "Diggin' On You"; OMD, "If You Leave"; Groove Theory, "Tell Me"; Boyz II Men, "On Bended Knee"; Everything But The Girl, "Missing"; Prince, "When Doves Cry"; Backstreet Boys, "We've Got It Goin' On"; Seal, "Kiss From A Rose"; Club Nouveau, "Lean On Me"; Goo Goo Dolls, "Name"; La Bouche, "Be My Lover"; Jon B./Babyface, "Someone To Love"; and Hootie & the Blowfish, "Only Wanna Be With You."

KDWB's marketing campaign is designed around morning partners Dave Ryan and Lee Valsvik, a 10-year station vet. Producer/victim Pat Ebertz also portrays a running character, "the man in the pig suit," a mascot from hell who has attempted to check into a hotel with a sheep and has given back rubs to complete strangers at the airport.

Three-year vet John London does 9 a.m.-noon, and APD/MD Rob Morris is on noon-2 p.m. "He's my right-hand guy and should be programming a radio station," Kieley says of Morris. Afternoon driver Michael Knight has been with the station for five years and is a Midwest native. Night jock Tone E. Fly worked at the legendary WAPW (Power 99) Atlanta and is "the best night jock in the country," according to Kieley. Gerry Dixon handles late nights, while AMD Rick Thomas does the overnight shift. "He's one of the brightest stars out there," says Kieley. "He started working for me at age 14 in Sioux Falls."

Marketing director John O'Connell is also a native. "John is so detail-oriented, but he's also creative, so it's a great package. He recently gave me a computer printout of exactly how many appearances we've made, including movie screenings and street hits, and the number was outrageous," he says. "I could easily have a mother-hen complex about promotions, but John takes care of business."

Kieley also keeps himself organized by talking to himself. "I call my voice mail at all hours and leave messages for myself for the next day," he says. "It could be 10:30 at night, and my wife will ask, 'Who are you calling?' I tell her, 'I'm calling myself. Don't worry, honey, I know what I'm doing.'"

GM Marc Kalman also has top 40 roots, having worked years ago at WDGY Minneapolis as "the Hitman." Kieley says, "I've been fortunate enough to work for some great GMs, but Marc Kalman is the best. He's not a micro-manager and is an actual top 40 guy." As for KDWB's owner, which is closing on its recent Shamrock purchase in this new climate of megapolis, Kieley says, "It's exciting to be involved with a company like Chancellor. In this day and age, you're either working for a buyer or a seller, and it's great to be working for a buyer."

**KEVIN CARTER**

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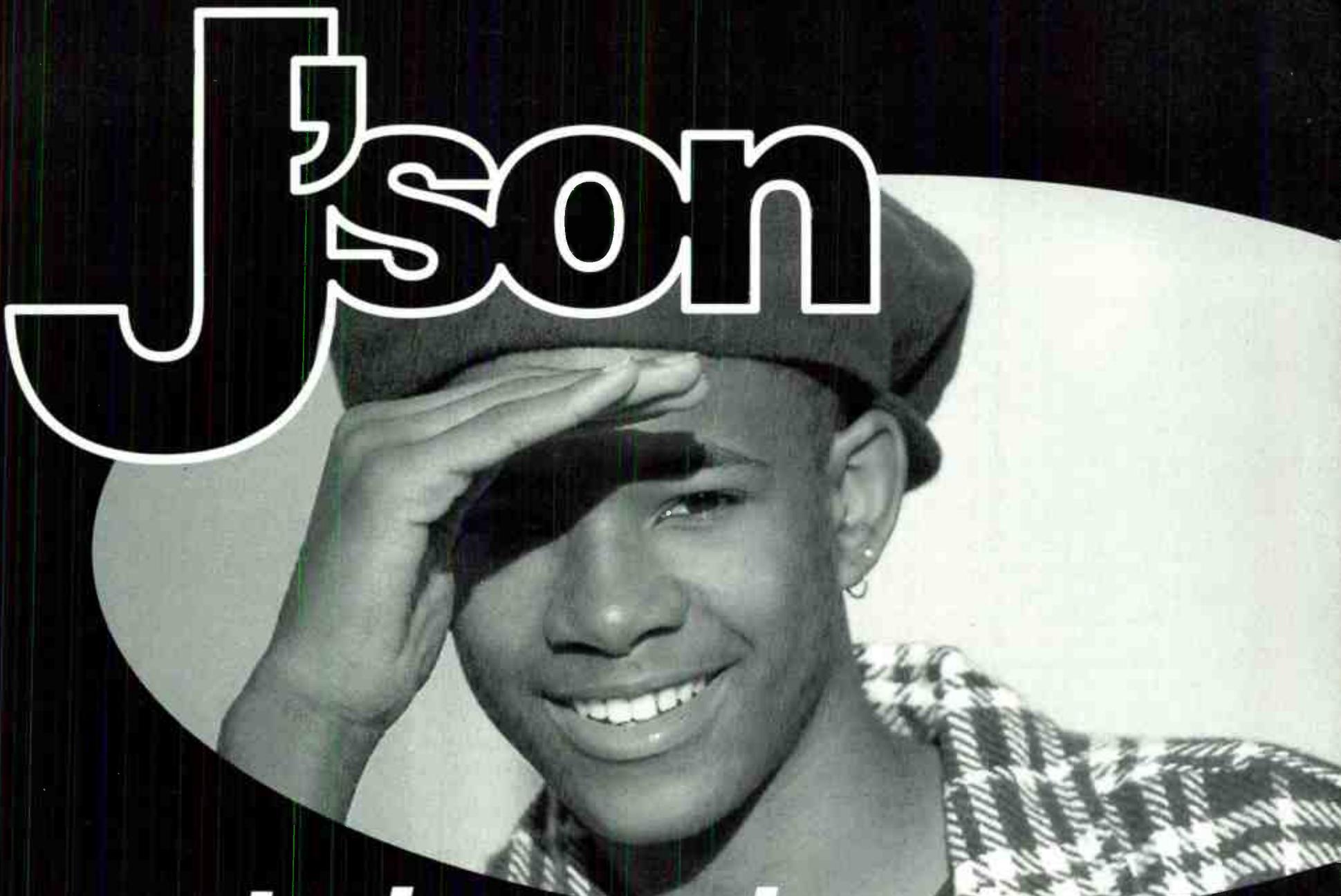
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